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Foreword

The attached material represents the working papers from the OAST Space Theme Workshop held at the Langley Research Center, April 26-30, 1976, and contains a quick-look analysis of the proceedings. The material is unedited and intended for further use by the participants of the workshop and the planning elements of NASA concerned with space mission research and technology. It should be understood that the data do not represent official plans or positions but are part of the process of evolving such plans and positions.

Nearly 100 of the Agency's top technologists and scientists joined with another 35 theme specialists to produce this working document - a document that provides a technical foundation, including research and technology base candidates, for each of the six space themes.

The material in this report is considered essential to the development of Center initiatives in support of these themes. Copies of the report will be made available to the Center Management Board and the individuals at the Centers responsible for the FY'78 program planning cycle. The timing of this planning activity has caused us to distribute this document in this unedited form. Thus, it possibly contains errors, hopefully, more of a typographical rather than a technological nature. Nonetheless, the information contained is of a high professional level, reflecting the efforts of the workshop participants and will be invaluable to the planning and successful execution of the Agency's near- and far-term advanced technology program.

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R&T BASE THEME

DEFINITION

R&T BASE GENERALLY INCLUDES TASKS CULMINATING IN:

1. BASIC PHENOMENA OBSERVED AND REPORTED
2. THEORY FORMULATED TO DESCRIBE PHENOMENA
3. THEORY TESTED BY PHYSICAL EXPERIMENT OR MATHEMATICAL MODEL
4. PERTINENT FUNCTION OR PHENOMENA DEMONSTRATED
5. COMPONENT OR BREADBOARD TESTED IN LABORATORY

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS WORKSHOP

OBJECTIVE

R&T THEME

STRENGTHEN AND INCREASE THE R&T BASE THROUGH:

- A. ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT OF RELEVANT ONGOING R&T BASE PROGRAM ELEMENTS AS
AN INTEGRATED PART OF THE OTHER THEMES
- B. IDENTIFICATION AND SUPPORT OF OTHER NEW AND PROMISING PROGRAM ELEMENTS
AS CANDIDATES FOR THE RESULTANT FREED R&T BASE RESOURCES

APPROACH

R&T BASE THEME

1. IDENTIFY R&T BASE CANDIDATES FOR BOTH CATEGORY A (THEME-RELEVANT) AND CATEGORY B (NEW AND NONALIGNED) USING FORM NO. 1

- FOR ONGOING WORK TO BE TRANSFERRED TO A THEME, INDICATE RTOP NUMBER AND ESTIMATED FY 78 FUNDING (NOA, \$K) AS ITEM 3F OF

FORM NO. 1

- FOR NEW WORK, INDICATE ESTIMATED FY 78 FUNDING ONLY AS ITEM 3F OF FORM NO. 1

2. RANK ALL R&T BASE CANDIDATES IN PRIORITY ORDER USING R&T BASE COLUMN OF FORM II. CIRCLE RANKINGS IF CANDIDATES ARE ONGOING WORK IN CATEGORY A.

R&T BASE THEME

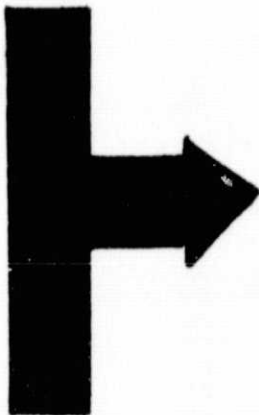
APPROACH

(CONTINUED)

3. USE FORM VI (OR SIMILAR APPROACH) TO ASSESS CONTRIBUTION OF BOTH CATEGORY A & B

CANDIDATES TO OAST GOALS

4. IDENTIFY OTHER NEW R&T BASE CANDIDATES NEEDED TO SUPPORT GOALS USING FORM IV



NOTE THAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE OAST GOALS WILL BE THE PRIMARY CRITERIA FOR RANKING OF
NEW R&T BASE CANDIDATES. WRITEUPS FOR THESE CANDIDATES SHOULD SPECIFY THE EXPECTED
CONTRIBUTION AND GOAL(S) THEY SUPPORT.

FORM NO. 1

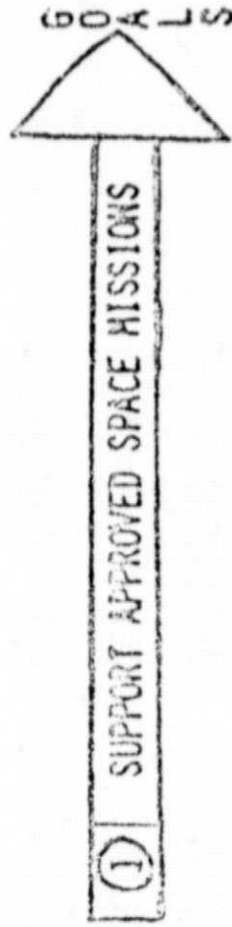
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THE CAST MISSION ...

TO PRODUCE AND ASSURE USE OF ADVANCED
AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY WHICH MEETS THE
NATION'S NEEDS AND IS SAFE, RELIABLE
AND COST-EFFECTIVE

THROUGH 3 MAJOR PROGRAM THRUSTS ...

- ° SUPPORT APPROVED MISSIONS
- ° ENABLE 1000-FOLD INCREASE IN EFFECTIVENESS OF FUTURE SPACE SYSTEMS
- ° EXPLORE ADVANCED CONCEPTS FOR NEW MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

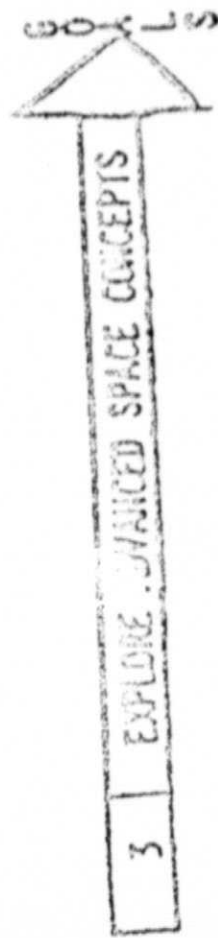


- ° SPACE TRANSPORTATION
- ° EARTH OBSERVATIONS
- ° COMMUNICATIONS
- ° ENERGY SYSTEMS
- ° LUNAR/PLANETARY EXPLORATION
- ° ASTRONOMY/PHYSICS

GOALS

(2) | ENABLE 1000 X SPACE SYSTEMS EFFECTIVENESS

- o 10 X INFORMATION ACQUISITION (10^{16} B/YR)
- o 10 X LARGER STRUCTURES (1 KM)
- o 5 X POWER CAPACITY (200 W/KG, 100 WHR/KG)
- o 1000 X INFORMATION FIGHT (10^{16} B/YR)
- o 1000 X PROPULSION EFFICIENCY (10^5 KG/YR PLANETARY)
- o 1/10TH TRANSPORTATION COST (\$50/LB TO LEO)
- o 1/10TH SPACECRAFT COST (8¢/HB)
- o 1/2 MISSION SUPPORT COSTS
- o 1/10TH SOFTWARE COSTS (2¢/HB)



- o POWER PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION
- o NOVEL PROPULSION
- o INFORMATION SYSTEMS
- o STRUCTURES AND MATERIALS
- o SPACE PROCESSING
- o BASIC RESEARCH

FOR NATIONAL NEEDS ...

- ° TO STIMULATE AND SUPPORT THE ECONOMY
- ° TO PROVIDE ALTERNATE SOURCES OF ENERGY
- ° TO PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT
- ° TO ASSURE A VIABLE DEFENSE
- ° TO EFFICIENTLY MANAGE FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES
- ° TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY
- ° TO SATISFY MAN'S QUEST FOR NEW KNOWLEDGE

IV. R&T BASE SUMMARY

As part of the Space Theme Workshop, each working group viewed the R&T Base program to identify those tasks which either enabled or enhanced a theme and should be incorporated into that theme, and to identify new and promising R&T Base candidates which should be incorporated into the R&T Base to meet essential long-range space technology goals not addressed by the themes. The results of this assessment, based on the working group inputs, are summarized here to provide an initial overview of the potential impact of the themes on the R&T Base. As the themes evolve and specific R&T Base tasks are selected for support under a theme, this first-cut assessment will obviously be modified and refined. However, this early look at the possible R&T Base changes associated with the themes should permit more effective plannings of the themes and future R&T Base program elements.

R&T Base here was defined as any activity where end product did not involve aircraft or spacecraft demonstrations of components or systems. All technology tasks which were carried to State of the Art Level 5 on Form 1 were thus considered.

The basic approach used for the R&T Base assessment is illustrated in figure VI.1. Recommended R&T Base changes were indicated in three categories. These were (1) theme-current R&T Base or ongoing tasks which should be included in a theme, (2) theme-increased R&T Base or new/increased tasks suggested for theme support, and (3) new R&T Base or high-payoff tasks recommended for fundings in the R&T Base. Current R&T Base resource renewals picked up by the themes will provide the opportunity for the initiation of new efforts in the R&T Base. The total R&T Base increase thus becomes the sum of theme-increased and theme-current R&T Base tasks funded by the themes.

The raw working group inputs were collected to determine the overall changes proposed for the R&T Base. These inputs were then grouped into the three R&T Base categories and arranged in accordance with the working group priority rankings for each category. Figure IV.2 illustrates representative candidates in the theme - current category resulting from this process: These candidates, which generally reflect the reorientation or pursuit of an ongoing RTOP on specific theme objectives, primarily involved the development and ground testing of new-technology components and systems. Only high-priority tasks are shown in the figure; a total of 39 candidates were proposed in the theme-current category and are included in the appendix.

Figure IV. 4 summarizes the current ongoing R&T Base resource recommended for theme support. About \$33M of FY 78 funding was included in the working group submissions. Note that no theme assignments are indicated since the theme teams have not yet selected their theme tasks and since most of the proposed candidates support several themes.

Figures IV. 5-6 illustrate corresponding working group inputs in the theme increased category. About 174 candidates were recommended by the working groups. The majority of these involved acceleration of current R&T Base programs to meet theme objectives; many of the related tasks culminated in flight tests to demonstrate technology readiness. Funding estimates here only include additional resources required for the increased programs; roughly \$67M fall in this category in FY 78.

New R&T Base candidates which are independent of the themes are indicated in figures IV. 7-8. Because of the predominant workshop focus on the theme requirements, little or no time was available to address potential nonaligned R&T Base candidates and only 7 inputs were received in this category. These were photochemical production of hydrogen and oxygen for propellants and on thruster and ion beam research under propulsion and computational fluid dynamics, multi-engine base flow, and an energy conservative aerothermodynamics test facility under Aerothermodynamics. About \$5M was requested to support these efforts in FY 78.

The maximum possible R&T Base impact of the theme effort is summarized in figure VI. 9. If all working group inputs were adopted, the effective R&T Base could increase by as much as \$100M in FY 78. Since most of the R&T Base inputs were not identified until late in the workshop process, it was unfortunately impossible to review and prioritize this mass of inputs during the workshop. An attempt was made to screen the number of theme-relevant R&T Base candidates by obtaining feedback on the tasks which the theme teams would plan to incorporate into their programs. However, returns from this activity are not yet all in. A more definitive evaluation of the R&T Base candidates will be evaluated when this feedback is received from the theme teams.

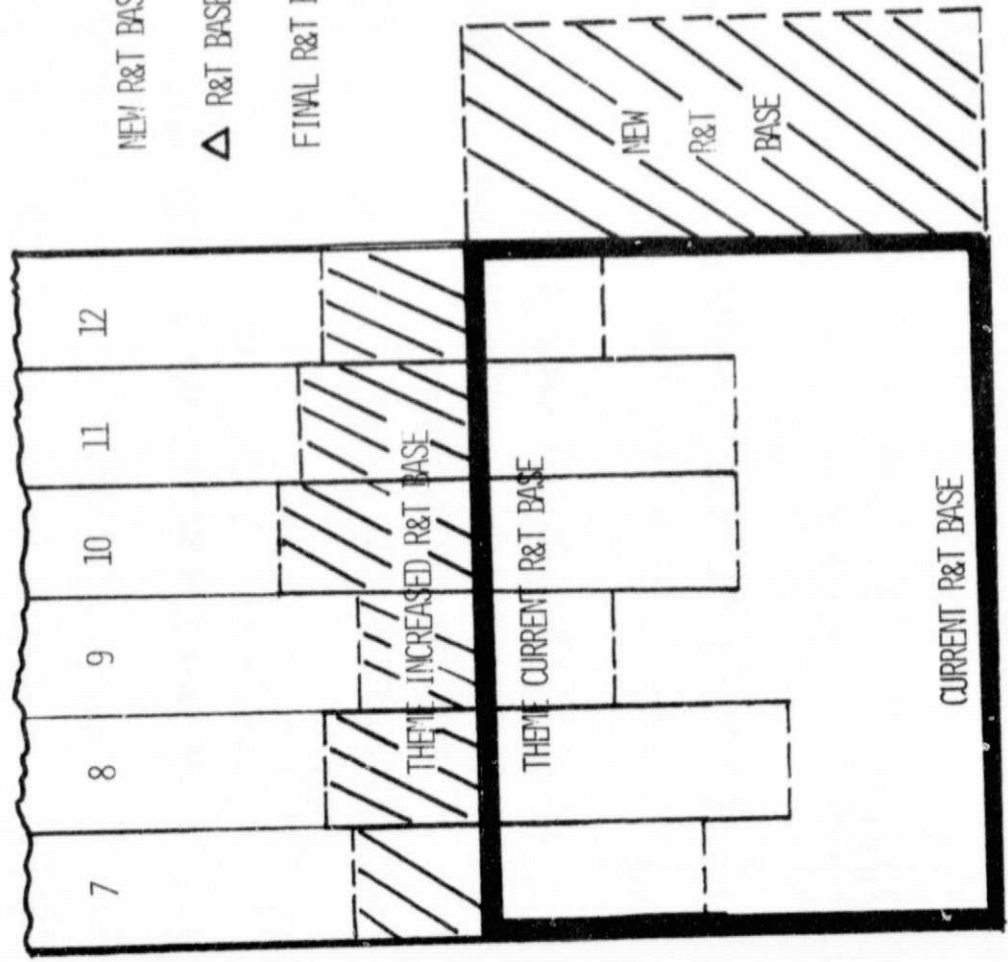
In addition, other new R&T Base candidates will be identified in the coming months and assessed relative to their contribution to NASA's long range technology goals. This assessment will include the definition of new research areas which should be supported. One of these areas, discussed at the workshop, is applied mathematics illustrated in figure IV. 10.

A significant reorientation and increase in the R&T Base made possible by successful advocacy of the themes will hold the key to NASA's future in space.

R & T BASE APPROACH



THEMES



NEW R&T BASE = THEME CURRENT R&T BASE
 Δ R&T BASE = (THEME INCREASED + NEW) R&T BASE
 FINAL R&T BASE = (CURRENT + Δ) R&T BASE

WHERE

 = CURRENT R&T BASE
 = Δ R&T BASE
 +  = FINAL R&T BASE

Figure IV. 1

THEME CANDIDATES

<u>CURRENT R&T BASE</u>	<u>FY 78, \$K</u>
<u>NAVIGATION, GUIDANCE AND CONTROL</u>	
o EXTENDED LIFE ATTITUDE CONTROL SYSTEM	450
<u>COMMUNICATIONS AND DATA HANDLING</u>	
o AUTONOMOUS, FAULT TOLERANT DATA HANDLING CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM	250
<u>SENSORS</u>	
o LASER HETERODYNE RADIOMETER	
o LOW-COST ELECTRONIC SUBSYSTEM TECHNOLOGY	250
o	

FIGURE IV. 2.

THEME CANDIDATES

CURRENT R&T BASE SUMMARY

WG TT		7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
		SPACE POWER	SPACE INDUST.	SETI	SOLAR SYS EXPL.	GLOBAL SERVICE SYSTEM	ADV. TRANS. SYS.	\$ K
E-1	NAVIGATION, GUIDANCE, AND CONTROL							3450
E-2	COMMUNICATIONS AND DATA HANDLING							5290
E-3	SENSORS							1610
E-4	SOFTWARE							0
P-1	PROPULSION							7525
P-2	POWER							5430
M-1	MATERIALS							4450
M-2	STRUCTURES/DYNAMICS							1500
M-3	AEROTHERMODYNAMICS							5300
	TOTAL							32,555

FIGURE IV. 3

THEME CANDIDATES (CONT'D)

<u>CURRENT R&T BASE</u>	<u>FY 78, \$K</u>
<u>PROPULSION</u>	
o HIGH SPECIFIC IMPULSE ELECTRIC PROPULSION FOR ORBITAL TRANSFER VEHICLE	250
o HYDROGEN-OXYGEN HIGH PERFORMANCE, REUSEABLE MAIN PROPULSION SYSTEM	
FOR ORBIT TRANSFER VEHICLES	1000
o STORAGE, SUPPLY AND TRANSFER OF CRYOGENIC FLUIDS IN SPACE	300
o	
<u>POWER</u>	
o LIGHTWEIGHT FUEL CELL	260
o LIGHTWEIGHT SOLAR ARRAY	320
o SILICON SOLAR CELL TECHNOLOGY	850
o MULTI-KW POWER DISTRIBUTION	70
o THERMOELECTRICS	265
o	
<u>MATERIALS</u>	
o THERMAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS	500
o MIN K REFRIGERATORS	200
o ADVANCED LUBRICANTS	100
o PLANETARY PROBES	400
o HIGH STRENGTH ALLOYS AND COMPOSITES	400
o	

FIGURE IV. 2. CONTINUED

THEME CANDIDATES (CONT'D)

FY 78, \$K

CURRENT R & T BASE

STRUCTURES/DYNAMICS

- o ADVANCED VEHICLE STRUCTURES
- o PAYLOAD DYNAMICS AND ACOUSTICS
- o DEPLOYABLE LASER MIRROR

800
500
200

o

AEROTHERMODYNAMICS

- o ADVANCED STS VERIFICATION AEROTHERMODYNAMICS BY FLIGHT TEST
- o ATMOSPHERIC PROBES/EARTH RETURN-HEATING AND FLOW FIELD DEFINITION
- o ADVANCED STS CONFIGURATION CHARACTERIZATION

1000
300
300

o

FIGURE IV. 2. CONCLUDED

THEME CANDIDATES

NEW R&T BASE

FY 78, \$K

AEROTHERMODYNAMICS

- o INCREASE COMPUTATIONAL FLUID DYNAMICS CAPABILITY 750
- o CALCULATE MULTI-ENGINE BASE FLOW 200
- o DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY-CONSERVATIVE AEROTHERMODYNAMICS TEST FACILITY 2200

PROPULSION

- o PHOTOCHEMICAL PRODUCTION OF HYDROGEN AND OXYGEN FOR PROPELLANTS 150
- o ION THRUSTER BASELINE R&T 500
- o ION BEAM APPLICATION RESEARCH 500
- o ION BEAM APPLICATION TO SPACE MANUFACTURING 500

FIGURE IV. 6.

THEME CANDIDATES

<u>INCREASED R&T BASE</u>	<u>FY 78, \$K</u>
<u>NAVIGATION, GUIDANCE, AND CONTROL</u>	
o ATTITUDE, FIGURE, AND STABILIZATION CONTROL OF LARGE SPACE STRUCTURES	900
o PRECISION POINTING AND TRACKING SYSTEMS FOR NON-POINT -SOURCE TARGETS	450
o PRECISION POINTING OF SPACECRAFT AND INSTRUMENTS AT INERTIAL TARGETS	2725
o AUTONOMOUS OPERATING AND MISSION MODIFICATION	150
o ROBOTICS AND TELEOPERATORS FOR SPACECRAFT ASSEMBLY AND MAINTENANCE	1300
o	
<u>COMMUNICATIONS AND DATA HANDLING</u>	
o END-TO-END DATA MANAGEMENT	600
o DATA SET SELECTION	300
o MODULAR DATA SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE	65
o PATTERN RECOGNITION ANALYZER	1400
o HIGH-RATE DATA PROCESSOR	400
o	

FIGURE IV. 4.

THEME CANDIDATES (CONT'D)

<u>INCREASED R&T BASE</u>		<u>FY 78, \$K</u>
<u>SENSORS</u>		
o	UV/VISIBLE/IR IMAGING ARRAYS	200
o	MICROWAVE SOUNDING RADIOMETERS	300
o	HIGH-POWER LASERS/LIDAR TECHNOLOGY	120
o	PLANETARY SURFACE CHEMISTRY ANALYSIS BY ALPHA PARTICLES GAMMA-RAY, AND X-RAY SPECTR.	150
o	MULTI-FREQUENCY MICROWAVE IMAGING RADIOMETER	200
o		
<u>SOFTWARE</u>		
o	MULTIDIMENSIONAL DATA SYSTEMS	300
o	PATTERN RECOGNITION	500
o	SOFTWARE FOR SYSTEM INTEGRITY	300
o	PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE & TRANSLATORS	700
o	PROGRAMMING METHODOLOGY	400
o		

FIGURE IV, 4. CONTINUED

THEME CANDIDATES (CONT'D)

INCREASED R&T BASE	FY 78, \$K
<u>PROPULSION</u>	
o MPD THRUSTER SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY READINESS	600
o SOLID PROPULSION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY MOTOR	850
o HIGH SPECIFIC IMPULSE ION THRUSTER FOR ORBIT OPERATIONS	250
o AIR AUGMENT EARTH-TO-ORBIT CHEMICAL ROCKET ENGINES	50
<u>POWER</u>	
o OASIS STUDY	2000
o SEP ARRAY	500
o PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTROLYSIS FOR FUEL CELL	500
o AUTOMATED POWER SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT	215
o ENVIRONMENTAL CHARGING OF SURFACES	225
o	
<u>MATERIALS</u>	
o MATERIALS FOR ADVANCED PROPULSION	300
o POWER GENERATION MATERIALS/PROCESSES	400
o POWER STORAGE & TRANSMISSION MATERIALS	100
o DEVELOPMENT OF FABRICATION TECHNIQUES FOR SPACE-ERECTABLE STRUCTURES	500
o LARGE ANTENNA STRUCTURES	200
o	

FIGURE IV. 4. CONTINUED

THEME CANDIDATES (CONT'D)

<u>INCREASED R&T BASE</u>	<u>FY 78, \$K</u>
<u>STRUCTURES/DYNAMICS</u>	
o SPACE DEPLOYED LARGE STRUCTURES	600
o SPACE ASSEMBLED LARGE STRUCTURES	700
o LAUNCH VEHICLE LOADS ANALYSIS OPTIMIZATION	300
o DAMAGE TOLERANCE	700
o SOLAR SAIL STRUCTURE	300
o	
<u>AEROTHERMODYNAMICS</u>	
o ADVANCED STS BASIC FLOW PHENOMENA	100
o ATMOSPHERIC PROBES/EARTH RETURN-DEVELOPMENT OF STABLE CONFIGURATION	500
o	

FIGURE IV. 4. CONCLUDED

THEME CANDIDATES

INCREASED R&T BASE SUMMARY

	WG	TT	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL \$ K
			SPACE POWER	SPACE INDUST.	SETI	SOLAR SYS EXPL.	GLOBAL SERVICE SYSTEM	ADV. TRANS. SYS.	
E-1	NAVIGATION, GUIDANCE, AND CONTROL								9,325
E-2	COMMUNICATIONS AND DATA HANDLING								13,125
E-3	SENSORS								5,590
E-4	SOFTWARE								4,930
P-1	PROPULSION								9,275
P-2	POWER								11,230
M-1	MATERIALS								10,400
M-2	STRUCTURES/DYNAMICS								2,600
M-3	AEROTHERMODYNAMICS								820
	TOTAL								67,305

FIGURE IV. 5

NEW CANDIDATES

	R&T BASE		TOTAL \$ K
	WG		
E-1	NAVIGATION, GUIDANCE, AND CONTROL		0
E-2	COMMUNICATIONS AND DATA HANDLING		0
E-3	SENSORS		0
E-4	SOFTWARE		0
P-1	PROPULSION		1,650
P-2	POWER		0
M-1	MATERIALS		0
M-2	STRUCTURES/DYNAMICS		0
M-3	AEROTHERMODYNAMICS		3,150
	TOTAL		5,800

FIGURE IV. 7

$\Delta_{R\&T \text{ BASE}}$

$$\Delta_{R\&T \text{ BASE}} \leq \boxed{133} + \boxed{\$67M} = \$100M$$



- THEMES OFFER POTENTIAL OF A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE EFFECTIVE R&T BASE
- ADDITIONAL WORK IS REQUIRED TO PRIORITIZE R&T BASE TASKS IDENTIFIED AT THE WORKSHOP

Figure IV. 9

<u>APPLIED MATHEMATICS</u>			
<u>AREA</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE SUBJECTS</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE TASKS</u>	<u>POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT</u>
MATHEMATICAL MODELING	SOLUTION OF DIFF. EQUATIONS	VEHICLE DYNAMICS	HUMAN TIME 5X
	PARAMETER ESTIMATION	CRACK AND DAMAGE PROPOGATION	COMPUTER TIME 5X
	NON-LINEAR EQUATIONS	AERODYNAMICS AND ATMOSPHERES SIMULATION	ENABLE NEW SOLUTIONS
DESIGN	NUMERICAL ANALYSIS		
	OPTIMIZATION	CONTROL SYSTEM DESIGN	HUMAN TIME 10X
	MATHEMATICAL PROGRAMING	ANTENNA CONFIGURATIONS	COMPUTER TIME 5X
DATA ANALYSIS	GRAPHICS	SOLAR SAIL STRUCTURES	MORE DETAILED DESIGN
		DECELERATOR DESIGN	
	APPLIED STATISTICS	SIGNAL ANALYSIS (SETI)	COMPUTER TIME 10X
CONTROL	PATTERN RECOGNITION	MULTISPECTRAL ANALYSIS	COMPUTER STORAGE 10X
	APPROXIMATION THEORY	SOIL SAMPLE ANALYSIS	ENABLE NEW SOLUTIONS
	CONTROL THEORY	AUTONOMOUS NGC	COMPUTER TIME 10X
COMPUTATIONAL EFFICIENCY	DECISION THEORY	THERMAL CONTROL SPACE HABITATS	COMPUTER STORAGE 10X
	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	PRECISION POINTING	ENABLE AUTONOMOUS CONTROL
		STABIL. OF LARGE STRUCTURES	
	NUMERICAL METHODS	DATA MANAGEMENT	COMPUTER TIME 10X
	DATA STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL	MOST COMPUTATIONAL TASKS	COMPUTER STORAGE 10X
	DATA COMPRESSION		
	SYMBOLIC MANIPULATION		

Figure IV. 10